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[SCHOLTZ, S.A., HERMANOS]

Don Christian 9, ~~X~~
Malaga.

This firm was founded many years ago by two German Brothers named SCHOLTZ. The business eventually passed to CHRISTIAN SCHOLTZ (son of one of the Founders) and he controlled it until his death a short time before the Civil War. About 1938 the widow was offered one million pesetas by HISMA for the business, which the widow agreed to accept, but on actual completion of sale she received 750,000 pesetas - 250,000 in cash and 500,000 in shares. She died about twelve months later and it is understood the shares passed to HISMA. The firm was stated to be completely under the control of HISMA in 1940, and it was statutory listed on these grounds on 9.1.41.

Business: Wine Exporters

Manager: Schieffer (German)

Note: A report from official sources dated 2.2.42 stated that FRANCISCO PIMENTAL, Wine Merchant, of Calle Carretera 139, Malaga, is a cloak for HERMANOS SCHOLTZ.

COMPANIA MARITIMA DE TRANSPORTES S.A.,
(ALIAS "TRANSCOMAR" OR "COMATRA".)

Avenue del Generalísimo 1, Madrid
and at Calle de Moratin 52, Madrid.

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Official sources reported in December 1941 that the above concern was a branch of SOFINUS, whose Directors formed part of its set-up. This is confirmed by an Intercept from Bernhardt to Kisrowak, Berlin, saying above company formed today, i.e. 9/7/41.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,500,000

ACTIVITIES: Shipping Company owning the following ships formerly belonging to NAVIERA LEVANTINE:-

"Berga"
"San Juan 11" S.L.
"Adeje"
"Isora"
"San Isidro Labrador"
"Sebastian"

(Statutory Listed on 24.12.41)

The following ships appear on the Stat List as being owned by the above concern:-

"Alcora"
"Antares"
"Canopus"
"Crispi"
"Liniette"
"Mari Carmen"
"Plencia"
"Polar"
"Procyon"
"Rizal"
"Salvador"

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[BAQUERA KUSCHE & MARTIN, S.A. ("BAKUMAR")] PF 12477.

Plaza de las Cortes 3, Madrid,
and branches.

See file

This concern was Statutory Listed on 22.8.42 as being under German control - owned by Robt. Sloman Jr. of Hamburg. Inevitably in view of the nature of its business - Customs and Shipping Agents - it works closely with SOPINDUS, and it will be noted that ERNESTO KLINGENBERG, one of the Directors of Sofindus, also appears on the Board of BAQUERA KUSCHE & MARTIN S.A.:-

PF 69662

DIRECTORATE

Rafael Baquera, Madrid.	(Spanish)	S.L. 26.6.40.
Gustavo Draeger, Seville	(German)	S.L. 22.8.42.
Ernesto KLINGENBERG, Madrid	(German)	S.L. 23.8.43.
Juan Dunker, Madrid		B.L.
Val H. Beselein, Madrid	(German)	S.L. 22.8.43.
Ernesto Kusche, Malaga	(German)	S.L. 9.8.40.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY:

Hans More Kusche (Holds P. of A. Son/ of E. Kusche), Malaga.	On B.L.
Rafael Perez, Madrid. Lawyer.	B.L.
Mariano Duarte, Malaga.	B.L.
Luis Crespo	
Jose Salcedo	
Georg Zillman, Barcelona	S.L. 24.12.41.
ELOY IGLESIAS, Irun	S.L. 1.10.41.

With regard to the last mentioned employee, official sources reported in May 1941 that ELOY IGLESIAS of Martires de Guadalupe 12, Irun, a Customs Agent, had been made President of COLEGIO DE AGENTES ADUANAS at Irun through German pressure. He was endeavouring to organise a monopoly of traffic from Portugal to France in collaboration with HIJOS de JUSTO ESTELLEZ, the Spanish Western Railway Representative at Portugal frontier stations, VIVAS of Lisbon, and the German organisation of SOPINDUS and MARION. The whole of this traffic for Germany must be authorised by the German State Railways, who have appointed SOPINDUS to give permits in Portugal and MARION in Spain.

ELOY IGLESIAS is reported to be Forwarding Agent for Danzas & Co. Frankfurt/Main.

NOTE: BAQUERA KUSCHE Y MARTIN and AGENCIA BAKUMAR are one and the same concern.

HOPPE Y CIA LTD.,

Alameda de Mazarredo 17, Bilbao,
and Paseo de Pereda 29, Santander.

Official sources reported that this concern is a wholly owned German trading company. It was originally formed in 1880 by CARLOS HOPPE; in 1932 the firm was dissolved and reformed, but retained the same name.

Capital: Ptas. 100,000.

Partners: Luis Rewir, Bilbao. (S.L. 26.6.40).
Alfredo Hoppe, " (S.L. 26.6.40. - German)
Herman Hoppe, " " "
Francisco Perez Gante, Bilbao. (S.L. 26.6.40)

Manager: Edgar Lohse, Bilbao

Activities: Insurance and ship brokers.
Agents for German Shipping Lines -
LLOYDE NORTE ALEMAN AND HAMBURG AMERIKA Line.

In June 1941 it was reported that the firm's business at present was the representation of German Insurance Companies.

(Stat. Listed on 26.6.40).

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SOFINDUS.

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(Sociedad Fianciera Industrial)

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- 2.8.41. S.Sebe-Madrid. Leiter of Anst Biarritz is going to Bilbao on 3.8. on account of SOFINDUS ships. Please inform W/T operator D.
- 10.9.41. Bilbao-Madrid. The following ships are lying in Gibraltar, having been towed in: Spanish ITA and GIBRAEFARO with Pyrite from Huelva bound for Bilbao, and the Spanish BERGA from Malaga bound for Italy. It is hoped that the first two will soon be released. The release of the BERGA, which is sailing on the account of SOFINDUS is scarcely to be expected.
- 8.1.42. Tetuan-Mellia. For ZAVALLA. Trying to maintain nationality of ship as Spanish. Do not procede but delay sailing and remain in Melilla harbour for further instructions. ARRANZ is to return to Madrid as soon as possible to report. SOFINDUS.
- 10.1.42. Tetuan-Melilla. Please instruct ZABALLA that LOLA will be staying on in Melilla for the time being. ZABALLA to fly to Madrid at once. If necessary place some money at his disposal. SOFINDUS.
- 12.2.42. Madrid-Bilbao. For SOMMER. 1) Letter from GUILLERMO is intended for BERNHARDT SOFINDUS.....FELIPE. SO (MMER).
- 14.2.42. Tetuan-Madrid. For ENZIO. Ref. your message 666 . The persons are known to MAVICK, the SOFINDUS agent. WALTER MERTZ arrived in TANGIER from PARIS on 6th February. on German orders, and returned from TANGIER-MADRID-PARIS on 9/2. Accompanying him was HERO FRADIN, French Economic delegate (rest corrupt)
- 1.4.42. Berlin-Lisbon. For LUDOVICO for OSTRO. We have just learned that(the goods) can possibly be allowed through by the sea route or through SOFINDUS.LUDWIG. ANDREAS.
- 4.4.42. Berlin-Lisbon. For LUDOVICO personal. OSTRO was to buy for a Reuchstelle in Schloss 300,000 excudos worth of coffee.Is transport through LASSEN in accordance with our W/T message of 1/4 possible ?..... LUDWIG. ANDREAS SKARUPA.
- 4.5.42. Tetuan-Madrid. For Naval Attache SOFINDUS. LOLA affair. 3,000 pesetas were paid to LARREA on 2/5 against receipt. LARREA and 3 companions are on their way to Madrid. MORUNO.
- 9.1.42. Madrid-Tetuan. To MUELLER for MELILLA. Please instruct Captain ZABALLA that LOLA is remaining in Melilla for the time-being. ZABALLA (is to) fly to Madrid immediately. Sgd. SOFINDUS.
- 9.1.42. Tetuan-Madrid. For SOFINDUS for FIESSLER. ARRANZ has already left for Madrid via Malaga. LOLA cannot possibly leave at present as Melilla is kept under observation by English patrol vessel and the English vice-consul at Melilla is in contact with the captain of this boat. ZABALLA has in -structions to go to Madrid at the next opportunity.
- 22.1.42. Madrid-Tetuan. To Mueller for FRANCISCO MAWICK, Cardenal Cisneros 19, Tetuan. Please instruct Captain ZABALLA to await our information before going on to Mellilla. sgd. SOFINDUS. Naval Attache, SOMMER.
- 30.12.41. Madrid-Tetuan. To THEA. For German Consulate in Melilla. Inform ZABALLA that Comunicaciones Maritimas has today instructed harbour-master Mellilla by telephone to let LOLA sail for ORAN without papers. LOLA is to continue voyage without touching Oran, in order to avoid further difficulties. Request W/T reply by the same route. SOFINDUS. SOMMER.
- 19.9.42. Tetuan-Ceuta. To MOVA. Letters of 3rd & 4th received. Are interested in offers only if Moroccan flag. Wire by return (?) where inspection by our VERTRAUENSMANN possible. (12 letters corrupt) after inspection. SOFINDUS.
- 14.1.43. Paris-Madrid. For PAGO. Devisenschutzkommando communicates. Of the 585590 pesetas being kept for me, hand over 46078 pesetas to Messrs. SOFINDUS, MADRID. Herr BERNHARDT will arrange for receipt direct with you. Please continue to keep the remainder, 119512 pes, for me. HARTMANN. Sgd. FRANK.
- 24.2.43. Berlin-Madrid. From HANS (The Hague) Request you to have the following information passed unobstrusively to the attorney knowna at your end, Dr. LICHTENSEIN, Madrid, Hotel Capitol, as soon as possible7) Wolfram mine is not to be purchased by SOFINDUS, it is only to occupy it. AST NIEDER-LANDE.

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(P.T.O.)

- 19.7.43. Madrid-Berlin. To MARTIN. ROTTMANN can only receive post in LISA (Lisbon) from SOFINDUS, he must decide by the evening of 21/7. Consider it more advisable on the score of camouflage he should avail himself of the possibility offered of establishing his own agents firm (Agentenfirma) in METRO (Madrid) through (5 corrupt) Hamburg firm and possibly MARTIN. Request decision. KO.SP.
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- 20.7.43. Berlin-Madrid. For MARQUES. Ref. above message 19/7. We recommend incorporation in LISA (Lisbon), as METRO (Madrid) possibilities cannot be ascertained. MARTIN.
- 22.7.43. Madrid-Berlin. To MARTIN. Ref. above message 20/7. According to discussion with DIAZ a German appearing for the first time in WEINBERG (Portugal) at once loses cover, especially as his name is on a black list (14 corrupt) employment of R at Southern QUADRAT (Spanish) Aussenstelle advantageous. suggestions follow. KOSP.
- 23.7.43. Berlin-Madrid. For MARQUES. 1) Ref above message 22/7. No objections at all at this end to acceptance of SOFINDUS post. DIAZ's comments were based on misunderstanding. Working-in with SOFINDUS only camouflage. We again suggest accepting post DIAZ will report on return 2/8 in METOR (sic). Please meet at airport and reserve room. MARTIN.
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B.1.B./Gen./HH

4th December, 1941.

Dear

Your letter CX/ 8838/V.D. of 29.11.41 and Park's previous letter, both on SOFINDUS. Could you try in the first instance to obtain these glossaries, etc. from M.E.W. through your own links. If you cannot make headway, Guy Liddell says he will certainly apply to Farrer for you, but it may cause a little confusion in M.E.W. if we cut across the established liaisons unless absolutely necessary.

Lord Farrer and Mr. J.B. Lindon, Room 422, Lansdowne House, (the latter is head of the Black List Section) appear to have most to do with SOFINDUS.

Yours sincerely,

H.L.A. Hart

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CX/ /8838 dated 29.11.41.
V, D.

Dear Hart,

Reference your B.1.B/H.H. of 25.11.41.

I return herewith your glossary on SOFINDUS, with many thanks. I understand Park has already asked you if you can get a copy for us, as it is of considerable interest to us.

With your permission, I am keeping your opus on MADRID for a few days longer.

Yours sincerely,

for H. A. R. Philby.

H.L.A. Hart, Esq.,
M.I.5.

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B.I.B./HH

25th November, 1941.

Dear

I am now enclosing:

- SOFINDUS;
- a). All the information in my possession about
 - b). A copy of my comments on the German S.S. at Madrid, showing the movement of personnel.

I would be obliged if you would return these as soon as you have done with them.

With regard to the SOFINDUS information, will you inform me (a) if you have, or if you obtain, any further information from M.E.W., because as you will see, I was invited to get in touch with Lindon (whom I know personally) about this matter. I did not do so because at that time I scarcely considered of first rank importance, at any rate to M.I.5.

You will, however, see that there are certain ships, e.g. S.S. DENNA, and also certain persons, e.g. MARTIN, which occur in our own source. It may also be that our own source can further help in the elucidation of SOFINDUS terms.

I would be glad in any case to receive your comments.

Yours sincerely,

H.L.A. Hart

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B.I.B./HH

19th November, 1941.

Dear Philby,

Masterman here has told me that he has drawn your attention to a cable mentioned in the recent special Security Report No. 51 of 15.11.41, concerning a "Gibraltar action which is being postponed for a month". The cable was from SOFINDUS, Madrid to HISROWAK, Berlin, dated 22.10.41. I write merely to make sure that you are aware of the SOFINDUS Organization, and also of the Glossary of SOFINDUS cover-names which M.E.W. have long been busy preparing. I myself have a copy of M.E.W.'s Glossary, up to the 27th August.

If you have never seen this Glossary, there are several important points which I think should be brought to your attention, since Abwehr characters, e.g., MAWICK of Tetuan, occasionally flit through the SOFINDUS traffic. Indeed you can identify from it MAWICK as Frederico MAWICK, SCHIEFF's partner in MAWICK, LUCO & CO, of Tetuan, who are on the Statutory List.

If you wish, I can let you have my copy of the Glossary but until Masterman mentioned this matter to me it did not occur to me that you might not know all about SOFINDUS.

Yours sincerely,

H.L.A. Hart

H.A.R. Philby, Esq.,
S.I.S.
HLAH/PMW

Please see that this is added
in our copy

17.12.41

Original filed in P.F. 63313 (HISMA) 26a.

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P.F. 54491/B.1.B.

13th October, 1941.

My dear Philby,

German Firms in Spain.

With reference to your letter C.X./ /7358 of 3.10.41.
and copy of a report on HISMA S.A. for which I thank you, and
further to my letter of 9th October.

Further information is now needed on HISMA, LORENZ and other
firms as below, and I would be most grateful if you would obtain
the following:-

(1) HISMA. SOFINDUS.

A list of the personnel of HISMA S.A. - Madrid and Barcelona,
and of SOFINDUS, Madrid, covering the last 5 years, and giving
their names, addresses and descriptions.

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Yours sincerely,

J.P. de C. Day.

K. Philby, Esq.,
S.I.S.

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BOX 500,
PARLIAMENT STREET B.O.
LONDON. S.W. 1

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Mr. Milmo B.1.B.

8th October, 1941.

Dear Milmo,

HISMA S.A./LORENZ A.G.

As regards the report on HISMA S.A., which I return herewith, this seems to be a good deal out of date and altogether too vague for our purpose.

Since it is unlikely that M.E.W. can furnish the information we require, would you ask S.I.S. to obtain for us lists with names, addresses and descriptions of the personnel of HISMA, Madrid and Barcelona, and SOFINDUS Madrid.

Detailed information of a similar character is required in respect of the firms LORENZ and LUFTHANSA, in all cases for a period of some five years up to the present date.

Yours sincerely,

E.B. GOODWIN.

for Lt. Col. R. Stephens.

ENC. Report on firm of HISMA S.A.

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Extract from Report re HISMA filed in P.F. 63313 (HISMA) 20a. 5a
 With Covering letter from S.I.S. C.X. '7358 dated 3.10.41.

SPAIN

(ECONOMIC)

Details of the firm of HISMA S.A.

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11. This company (HISMA), whose office is in Avenida Jose Antonio 9, Madrid, has been in liquidation for some time, but another similar company has sprung up called SOFINUS (Sociedad Financiera Industrial), which continues the work that was carried out by HISMA, the only difference being that it gives a different name to each one of its branch offices in various Spanish towns, thus avoiding appearing as one German firm with very high profits.

12. The Valencia branch is called PRODAG (Productos Agrícolas Sociedad Anónima, Plaza del Claudillo 5). It is interesting to note that the man who is at the head of PRODAG is the same Don Juan BERNHARDT of HISMA. The Company, however, no longer works as anything but an exporting firm, although it is granted certain privileges, which in fact allow it to do anything it likes.

13. Evidently foreseeing a possible end of HISMA, the constitution of PRODAG took place on 15th January, 1938 before the notary Don Luis Ruiz de HUIDOBRO Y GARCIA DE LOS RIOS. The initial capital is 2,500,000 Ptas. shares, everyone of which has been covered. The Board is as follows:-

President	Christoph FIESSLER
Vice-President	Daniel HERRERA
Secretary	Oskar WIJMER
Members	Federico CARUNCHO ASTRAY
	Heinz SIEVERS
General Manager	Ernesto BOCHE

Under the name of PRODAG there are also companies
 in Alicante, Seville and Vigo.

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BY BAG.

Ministry of Economic Warfare,

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Berkeley Square House,

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21st August, 1941.

My dear Malcolm,

I have now completed my glossary of Sofindus names, and send you a copy herewith. As the introduction says, the glossary provides some indication of the scope of Sofindus's activities; but it does not give any connected account of them. To do this in any detail would be a life work, and hardly worth the trouble, but I will try and give you in this letter some idea of what it is all about.

From the political point of view the correspondence we are now seeing is interesting for the light that it throws on the relations between the Germans and the Spaniards in commercial matters and on the activities of certain Spanish personalities. It is clear that everything is not plain sailing for Sofindus. A number of messages make it clear that their activities have been considerably hampered at various times by the inability of the Germans to provide sufficient exports to pay for Sofindus's purchases. As one plaintive message from Sofindus to Berlin puts it, "on this point no fine speeches will suffice." Difficulties on this score appear, however, to have been reduced in recent weeks. Other difficulties have been caused by the reluctance of Spanish crews to sail to Genoa after certain sinkings on this route, by the growing scarcity of goods in Spain; and, gratifyingly enough, by the fact that Spanish shipping companies have refused certain freights "owing to the influence of the English". Strong complaints have been made too about the Spanish export tax of 35% on woollen goods; and it was pleasant to read that 25% of the canned goods arriving in Germany were unfit for consumption owing to faulty containers!

On the other side of the picture there is evidence of very considerable cooperation by the Spanish authorities. At about the time when Carceller was pressing to be allowed to export to Germany, with our connivance, certain goods imported through the blockade, he was in negotiation with Sofindus for the delivery of coffee and khaki shirts amongst other things; and though there is nothing to suggest that these negotiations resulted in any actual exports, there are clear indications that Carceller agreed to certain exports of woollen manufactures, groundsheets, etc. provided that they were taken from Spanish army stocks for camouflage purposes. Your friend Taberna seems to have been useful; cc 303, 54f as you will see from the glossary, Sofindus proposed in May to give him 50,000 pesetas for "useful cooperation". Moreover, he was to be employed in the "Veltjens scheme", which we have not yet identified. Another Spaniard working in close touch with Sofindus is a certain Lieut. Col. Arranz; and there are others whose pseudonyms we have not yet pierced.

Turning now to the actual activities of Sofindus, it is convenient to consider these under two heads of shipping and commodities. So far as shipping is concerned, the glossary will give you an idea of the number of ships which are operating in their service or in which they are interested. I hope to send you very shortly a complete list of the ships concerned, and I suggest that you might send it to Consuls at the ports involved with instructions to pay particular attention to the reporting /of

Malcolm Thomson, Esq.,
British Embassy,
Madrid.

of their movements and cargoes. A certain number of the ships mentioned are still west of Gibraltar and are apparently intended for service on Mediterranean routes, so that we may have opportunities of interception at Gibraltar. Whether we can safely take action against the ships without divulging the source of our information is a question which has not yet been decided. It is difficult to give a quantitative estimate of the tonnage involved but, when I got out a preliminary list at the end of July, there seemed to be about eighteen ships with a tonnage of about 20,000 tons sailing between Spanish Mediterranean ports and Marseilles and Genoa. The latter figure excludes large numbers of small schooners and fishing vessels, most of which seem to sail from Palma to Marseilles. Full particulars of the Bilbao-Bayonne traffic are set out in an annex to this letter. In addition, Sofindus were at that time interested in a further fourteen ships with a tonnage of over 34,000 tons. Since these figures were compiled, we have received particulars of 15/20 other ships more or less directly in Sofindus's service, and these will be included in the list I hope shortly to send you. For what it is worth, I might quote a telegram from Sofindus to Berlin which, under the heading "shipping space Mediterranean coast" gives the following figures:-

34 steamers	2690 tons
72 sailing vessels	4894 "
115 motor sailing vessels	9706 "
47 fishing steamers	3598 "
12 fishing sailing vessels	450 " ."

The first of these figures is quite obviously wrong and their value is somewhat diminished by the fact that the telegram ends up by saying that there are in all 389 ships of 26,000 tons burden; you will see that neither of these totals corresponds with the other figures given. Nevertheless, the telegram is interesting as showing the thoroughness with which Germany is exploring the possibilities of Spanish shipping.

As indicated above, the two main routes in which Sofindus are interested are:-

- (a) Bilbao-Bayonne, and
- (b) Barcelona and other Spanish Mediterranean ports to French and Italian Mediterranean ports.

There is nothing much to be said about the first, since your reports from Bilbao will have shown you the type of vessel employed and the nature of the traffic. As regards the second, there are various features of interest. If you will refer to "Hetze" in the glossary, you will see that a certain number of ships are specially intended for what is called "supplies for Africa". It seems clear that these ships were originally intended to sail to or via Genoa; but the sinkings referred to above involved a change of plan and they now have instructions to sail to a point off San Remo. What happens then is rather obscure. There are really three possibilities:-

1. That they will maintain a sort of shuttle service between Barcelona and San Remo, their cargoes being carried on to North Africa either direct or via Naples or Sicily.

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2. That having reached San Remo they will themselves sail down the coast of Italy and across to North Africa, and then back by the same route.
3. That they are not intended to return to Spain at all, but will be used for carrying supplies between Italy and North Africa.

I myself incline to the first theory; but a careful study of the movements of the ships concerned will, if our reports are prompt and accurate, tell us in due course which explanation is the right one. Whatever the answer, it is evident that the Germans attach considerable importance to this service. The ships employed in it were mostly bought in the name of Naviera Levantina and are apparently to be operated by a new company, called Commercial Maritima de Transportes S.A., with a capital of 2½ million pesetas. Moreover, as the result of the sinkings off Genoa, definite arrangements were made with the German Naval High Command for the protection of the ships engaged in this traffic. What the supplies for Africa consist of we do not yet know, but a message of June 13th, saying that they were to be despatched to the Command of the German Air Force, Naples, might perhaps justify a guess that aviation spirit is involved. There is however no other evidence of this. The other types of voyage concerned seem to be:-

1. Palma to Marseilles with fruit pulp etc.;
2. Barcelona to Marseilles and Genoa with assorted goods, including fruit pulp etc.; and
3. Valencia and Malaya to Genoa with pyrites and iron ore.

I come now to the question of the commodities in which Sofindus are interested. Quantitatively, the most important is iron ore. Contracts seem to have been concluded for ore from the following mines: Alhamilla (a mine near Almeria owned by Aznar), Tierga, Catalina, Elvira, Lacalera, Lesaca, Menas, Sierra Menera (also belonging to Aznar) and Tillaricos. It is difficult to give any estimate of quantities, but the Alhamilla contract was for 25,000 tons, the Catalina for 18,000 tons, the Elvira for 25,000 tons, the Lacalera for 40/45,000 tons, the Lesaca for 41,000 tons, the Sierra Menera (May/July) for 60,000 tons and the Tillaricos for 12,000 tons. At a rough estimate, the ships plying between Bilbao and Bayonne carrying something like 5,000 tons a week, while there are several bigger ships sailing with iron ore to Italian ports capable of carrying from 2½/4,000 tons at a time. A message of July 24th from Berlin asked whether export permits were being granted for the "Bicker contract 250,000 tons Bilbao ores"; the reply of July 28th said that 64,500 tons had so far been sanctioned, of which 18,000 tons had been shipped.

I cannot give any indication of the volume of traffic involved in fruit and fruit pulp, but it is obviously considerable.

Zinc blende plays quite an important part in these messages. The original contract was, as we know from other sources, for 30,000 tons. This apparently expired on July 15th, and as far as we know negotiations for renewal have not yet been completed. Baron Hauseur could no doubt throw more light on this.

/Activities

Activities in regard to wolfram are, as one might expect, mainly concerned with Portugal. In Spain, however, Sofindus are apparently interested in the Silleda mine; and if, as I imagine, Raede stands for wolfram, it seems that there is another mine called or known as Sohle in which Sofindus have an interest.

A great many other commodities (including lead, celestite, vitamins in the form of tunny liver oil, cork etc. etc.) are of course mentioned, but surprisingly few of them are imported goods. Among the latter, however, must be mentioned coffee (see under Carceller), hides and leather (see under Iltis and Hawick etc.), bootleg nickel "unknown to Spanish Government" and cotton textiles. The July account for shirts amounted to over 150,000 Reichsmarks. Sofindus too were interested in the famous 10,000 bales of United States cotton about which I have already written to you.

As this letter is already overlong, I will not attempt to deal in any detail with Sofindus's activities in Portugal. They appear however to have been responsible for re-organizing the system of wolfram purchases and also to have undertaken the task of preventing competition between German and Italian buyers of tin.

I feel I ought to conclude with some reference to the action we can take to impede these manifold activities of Sofindus. So far as shipping is concerned, we must rely mainly upon listing and the Navy, and our main requirements is prompt and accurate reporting of departures and cargoes. So far as exports of Spanish products are concerned, there is little we can do except in so far as we can interfere with transport by sea. So far as illicit exports (e.g. cotton manufactures) and re-exports are concerned, we can only continue our usual practice of telegraphing to you whenever we think we have sufficient evidence to justify representations to the Spanish authorities, and of listing the parties to the transaction wherever that course seem desirable. If you can think of any other spokes that can be put into these extremely active wheels, please let us know. Meanwhile I will send you supplementary letters on the lines of this one as occasion arises.

I am sending copies of this letter to Billy Robertson and Harold Farquhar.

Yours ever,

(Signed) J.W. NICHOLLS.

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SECRET.

MOVEMENT OF SHIPS CARRYING

IRON ORE TRAFFIC BETWEEN BILBAO & FRENCH PORTS.

Whenever ore is shipped from Bilbao "Bofindus, Madrid" informs "Hisrowak, Berlin". These advices are serially numbered; consequently although some of them are not received, the serial numbers show the number of voyages which have taken place and it is possible to fill in the gaps with a reasonable degree of certainty:-

- (a) From reports received from H.M. Consul, Bilbao.
- (b) From our knowledge of the normal rotation in which the vessels sail and return.

2. The round trip, Bilbao/Bayonne, usually takes five days. There have been two exceptional shipments to Nantes, Nos: 1 and 53 in the table attached. Apart from these the iron ore has been carried in small craft, four French and eight Dutch.

<u>FRENCH.</u>	<u>Cargo carried</u> <u>Circa.</u>	<u>Insurance</u> <u>Hull.</u>	<u>(French francs)</u> <u>Crews lives.</u>
PRESIDENT DE LAVIT	300 tons	1,500,000	30,000
JEUNE DENISE.	175	900,000	20,000
COURDANNES.	310	1,700,000	(not known)
VIRGO FIDELIS.	150	750,000	19,000.

After the "Virgo Fidelis" was wrecked on 11th July she was replaced by the -

MARIE GABRIELLE. 125 tons.

<u>DUTCH</u>	<u>g.r.t.</u>	<u>Cargo carried</u>	<u>Hull insurance.</u>
BALTIC	**	290	136,000 R.M. * not traced.
BANKA	249	300	130,000
HENK	*	335	141,000 * ? HENCA - 305 g.r.t.
JAEDJOER	309	335	146,000
REGEJA	325	330	127,000
SPES	*	320	146,000 * not traced.
THRIANTHA	275	280	130,000
WATERWEG	285	300	123,000

The French vessels burn oil, the Dutch are diesel vessels. The exception is the "President de Lavit" which required 250 tons of bunker coal per month.

The Dutch craft are manned by Spanish Officers and crews, the Germans regarding Dutchmen as too unreliable. The original intention was to provide ten of these vessels, but up to date two of them have not made their appearance. (One report mentions "nine Dutch vessels", but this is probably an error).

The ore shipments commenced on 20th June and continued regularly until the end of July; there was then a temporary lull possibly due to the shipment of 4,100 tons to Nantes having exhausted available stocks, which seem to arrive at Bilbao at the rate of about 600 tons a day. Shipments have now recommenced, as it is known that the ore Flotilla arrived back in Bilbao between 9th and 11th August. The total quantity shipped up to 30th July 1941 was approximately 20,350 tons.

Ships Record Section,
14th August, 1941.

INFORMATION FROM INTERCEPTS.

	Vessel	Cargo	Type of iron ore	Sailing date	Destination
1 74	Erna Oldendorff	3,268,300	Elvira Rubio	20.6.41	Nantes
2 196	Virgo Fidelis	134,100	Elvira Rubio	1.7.41	Kater
4 252	President Lavit	265,000	Elvira Rubio	7.7.41	
5 252	Jeune Denise			8.7.41	
6 252	Virgo Fidelis				
7 255	President Lavit	262,450	San Pedro	9.7.41	Kater
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21 16	Thriantha	280,770	San Pedro	19.7.41	Kater
22 316	Jaedjoer	327,700	Rubio	19.7.41	Kater
23 329	Spes	313,740	San Pedro	20.7.41	Kater
24 329	Henk	337,640	San Pedro	20.7.41	Kater
25 329	Regeja	316,000	Franco Belge	20.7.41	Kater
26 329	Waterweg	291,610	San Pedro	20.7.41	Kater
27 329	Banka	300,060	Rubio	20.7.41	Kater
28 330	Courdonnes	316,000	Franco Belge	21.7.41	Kater
29 330	President Lavit	293,000	Franco Belge	21.7.41	Kater
30 330	Jeune Denise	169,000	Franco Belge	21.7.41	Kater
31 330	Marie Gabrielle	119,000	Franco Belge	21.7.41	Kater
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33					
34					
35 368	President Lavit	275,870	San Pedro	23.7.41	Kater
36					
37					
38					
39					
40					
41 391	President Lavit	266,000	Franco Belge	26.7.41	Kater
42 413	Spes	319,700	Rubio	28.7.41	Kater
43 413	Waterweg	303,380	Rubio	28.7.41	Kater
44 413	Regeja	324,000	Franco Belge	28.7.41	Kater
45 393	Jaedjoer	326,000	Franco Belge	28.7.41	Kater
46 393	Baltic	288,280	Rubio Bilbao	28.7.41	Kater
47 414	Courdonnes	296,000	Franco Belge	29.7.41	Kater
48 414	Marie Gabrielle	118,000	Franco Belge	29.7.41	Kater
49 414	Jeune Denise	156,000	Franco Belge	29.7.41	Kater
50 414	Thriantha	279,380	Rubio Bilbao	29.7.41	Kater
51 414	Henk	315,640	Rubio Bilbao	29.7.41	Kater
52 414	President Lavit	273,000	Franco Belge	29.7.41	Kater
53 428	Leesee	4,169,600	Rubio and San Pedro	30.7.41	Nantes

INFORMATION FROM W.T.R.O. BILBAO

Vessel	Sailing date	Cargo	Previous Arrival date	Destination.
Erna Oldendorff	20.6.41	2800 tons Iron Ore	14.6.41	
Virgo Fidelis	2.7.41	130 Tons " "	1.7.41	Bayonne
Courdonnes	7.7.41	300 " " "		"
President Lavit	7.7.41	265 " " "	7.7.41	"
Jeune Denise	8.7.41	180 " " "	8.7.41	"
Virgo Fidelis	8.7.41	135 " " "	7.7.41	"
President Lavit	10.7.41	265 " " "	9.7.41	"
Jeune Denise	10.7.41	170 " " "	10.7.41	"
Courdonnes	10.7.41	301 " " "	10.7.41	"
Virgo Fidelis	10.7.41	149 " " "	10.7.41	"
Jaedjoer			10.7.41	
Spes			10.7.41	
Henk			10.7.41	
Waterweg			10.7.41	
Banka			10.7.41	
Baltic			10.7.41	
Courdonnes	15.7.41	307 " " "		"
Jeune Denise	15.7.41	167 " " "		"
President Lavit	15.7.41	282 " " "		"
Regeja	15.7.41	329 " " "	10.7.41	"
Thriantha	17.7.41	? " " "	10.7.41	"
Jaedjoer	17.7.41	? " " "	16.7.41	"
Spes	20.7.41	314 " " "	16.7.41	"
Henk	20.7.41	337 " " "	16.7.41	"
Regeja	20.7.41	316 " " "	17.7.41	"
Waterweg	20.7.41	292 " " "	16.7.41	"
Banka	20.7.41	300 " " "	16.7.41	"
Courdonnes	20.7.41	316 " " "	17.7.41	"
President Lavit	20.7.41	293 " " "	18.7.41	"
Jeune Denise	20.7.41	169 " " "		"
Marie Gabrielle	20.7.41	119 " " "	17.7.41	"
Baltic	22.7.41	274 " " "	16.7.41	"
Thriantha	22.7.41	277 " " "	19.7.41	"
Jaedjoer	22.7.41	336 " " "	19.7.41	"
President Lavit	24.7.41	276 " " "	23.7.41	"
Henk			23.7.41	
Banka			23.7.41	
Courdonnes			23.7.41	
Jeune Denise			23.7.41	
Marie Gabrielle			24.7.41	
President Lavit	27.7.41	266 " " "		"
Spes			23.7.41	
Waterweg			23.7.41	
Regeja			23.7.41	
Jaedjoer	28.7.41	326 " " "		"
Baltic	28.7.41	288 " " "		"
Courdonnes	28.7.41	296 " " "	27.7.41	"
Marie Gabrielle	28.7.41	118 " " "	27.7.41	"
Jeune Denise	28.7.41	156 " " "	27.7.41	"
Thriantha	28.7.41	279 " " "	27.7.41	"
Henk	29.7.41	316 " " "	27.7.41	"
President Lavit	29.7.41	273 " " "	29.7.41	"
Leesee			23.7.41	

HVD.

In any further communication on
this subject, please quote

No.

and address,

not to any person by name,

but to—

The Director-General.

TELEPHONE
GROSVENOR 4060.

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MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE,
BERKELEY SQUARE HOUSE,
BERKELEY SQUARE, W.1.
16th August 1941.

SECRET

Dear Hart,

--- I happened to meet Guy Liddell to-day and showed him the
attached first effort of a glossary of words used in the "SOFINDUS"
messages.

2. He said he thought that it might interest you and I, there-
fore, send you this copy. He added that when he comes back from leave
he proposes to have a talk with you upon the lines in which he thinks
further researches might be made.

3. Meanwhile, if there is anything that we can do to help
perhaps you would be kind enough to get in touch with J.B.LINDON, of
the Black List Section of this Ministry - Room 422, Lansdowne House.

4. We have not yet reached the stage of being able to draw
up an accurate connected story of all these transactions: - that will
come later.

Yours sincerely,

Famer

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SECRET.

S O F I N D U S.

I attach a glossary of names appearing in messages to and from Sofindus and Hisrowak received up to July 27th. It is very nearly complete: that is to say, it includes practically every name mentioned. It does not, however, give details of every reference to a particular name; I have quoted from messages, or given references, only where some light is thereby thrown on the activities of the person or ship or the meaning of the word concerned.

The figures on the left-hand side give the date and month of the messages, which are quoted or summarized on the right-hand side. (I have a chronological collection of messages which is available for reference). Quotation marks are used to indicate that the quotation is textual. Words in square brackets are my own interpolations, and are - unless preceded by a query - statements of fact, not suppositions.

Certain code words have been definitely elucidated; the real meaning is indicated by the sign "=". Guesses are indicated by "?="; they are not included except where I am fairly confident of their accuracy.

Attention is drawn to the following identifications, guesses, and unidentified code-words:-

<u>Word.</u>	<u>Meaning.</u>
(a) <u>Identifications.</u>	
BERGE	Wolfram concentrates.
BIRKE	Mercury.
FUCHS	Bilbao. X
GABEL	Iron ore and zinc blende traffic, usually applied to sea transport Bilbao-Bayonne.
HETZE	Supplies for Africa.
IMBERT	German heavy lorries operating in Spain.
KATER	Bayonne.
KATZE	Genoa.
KERZE	Iron ore.
LANAC (O)	Comp. Gen. de Lanas.
LOBAR	Grupo Portugues Importador Exportador.
NAGEL	Italy
PAUSE	"Dutch shipping transactions"
(b) <u>Guesses.</u>	
BODEN	Resin
DIENER	Dutch ships
HARFE	German Ambassador in Madrid.

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KARTE	Ships.
KISTE	Hides.
KRAUT	Fruit and vegetables.
KREUZ	Barcelona.
KUGEL	Occupied France.
LOTSE	Bernhardt, J.F.
RUSSE	Savona.
SPREU	Hendaye.
STEIN	Valencia.
UFER	Mediterranean.
ZEDER	Tin.

(c) Unidentified (P = place-names, C = commodities)

ASILE	
CEBU	
CILUMA	(C)
DUENE	(P)
FOCOMIN	
FRIST	(C)
GASSE	(P)
HAFTEL	(P)
HELMAR	(C)
LEBER	(C)
LEISTE	
LISTE	(P)
LURCH	(C)
NOTEN	
OBGERIN	
RAEDE	(C)
SIEGEL	
SPATZ	
VISTRA	
VOGEL	(C)
WESPE	(C)
WETTE	
WIRBEL	

N.B. This list does not include Sofindus branches or officers such as Iltis, Floss etc. etc.

I have included some information - especially as to ship movements - derived not from Sofindus messages but from Consular and other reports.

The glossary shows, I think, the great scope and importance of Sofindus activities in Spain and, to a lesser extent, Portugal. It does not unfortunately give a coherent description of their activities, but I hope to tackle this later. In the meantime, I shall be grateful for any connections and suggestions, and would ask particularly to be shown the drafts of any telegrams and letters affecting Sofindus to be sent by other Departments of the Ministry.

(Signed) J.W.Nicholls.

the 28th July, 1941.

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G L O S S A R Y.

ADEJE, S.S.

(Spanish: 253 g.r.t. owned by A. Rodriguez Lopez of Teneriffe).

- 14/6 Sofindus have made firm offer.
9/7 Valencia reports ship bought by Naviera Levantina.

ACHAIA, S.S.

(German: 1778 g.r.t.)

ADLER.

- 7/7 "In reply to enquiry of A. for Spanish consignee for raw materials from South America....."

ALHAMILLA.

= Cia Min. Alhamilla, near Almeria. Owned by Aznar.

- 10/7 "Ore contract A arranged in principle."

ALPORTU.

= MINERO SILVICOLA, Lisbon (Stat.List).

- 23/6 Concerned with transport of Portuguese tin and Spanish lead.
4/7 "Book 30 tons own goods 2,000 escudos."
23/7 Berlin remind A that all obtainable Raede crude ores are to be bought up, whether they can be processed at his end or must be put into stock.

AMMI.

= Italian State Metal Monopoly.

- 7/7 Ammi desires joint action in regard to Leista (qv)
9/7 Berlin gives address of Madrid representative as "Hequello, Safni, Marques del Riscal 10" for purpose of discussion about tin prices and "joint procedure Spatz".

ANGELA MARIA.

Sailing vessel.

- 17/7 Sailed Valencia for Port Vendres with apricot pulp.

ANTEQUERA, S.S.

(Spanish: 2810 g.r.t. Owned by J.de Navas Escuder).

- 7/7 Hisrowak interested in acquisition of.

ARGENTONA, S.S.

(Spanish: ³⁵⁵²g.r.t; owned by Navas Escudero of Bilbao).

✓ ARRANZ.

Lieutenant Colonel (Spanish).

- 5/5 To receive 36,000 pesetas for "useful cooperation". To be employed in "Veltjens" scheme, "to Kaeze Tripolis."
5/5 To be installed at Mallorca to superintend transfer of 5 ships.
3/6 "Arranz offer.....of interest if Spanish crews for Hetze voyages are appointed.
18/7 "Arrived in Berlin today.
21/7 "Leube and A., after conclusion of contract.....leave today for Tripolis? Tripolis?"

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ASENSIO, General. Chief of Staff. 13/6 "A. is an advantage for us" as Lotse knew him in Morocco.

ASILE. 10/5 Hisrowak exceedingly interested in obtaining "Asile" coffee.

ATLANTIDES S.S. (Swedish tanker: 9650 g.r.t.)
8/5 Owner named Rivas, who would be in Berlin with Lotse on May 25th.
13/6 Negotiations for purchase.
7/7 Sale still not completed.

ATLAS, S.S. (German Neptun line: 2297 g.r.t.)
21/6 Available for Levante iron ore.
Sailed Valencia 21/6 for Marseilles.
3/7 To be employed for pulp.
19/7 Sailed Valencia for Marseilles with apricot pulp.

AZNAR. = NAVIERA AZNAR of Bilbao (Warrant holders).
22/6 Sofindus apparently told Berlin they might secure 30/50 tons of space on outward-bound Aznar ships.

B., Colonel. 21/7 "Discuss with Colonel B. our reference list about purchases for Jaenicke".

BAIXERAS. See GIRALT B.

BALLESTER, Jose Melia.
9/7 Valencia reports as manager of Naviera Levantina (Stat. List) and as cloak for Sofindus.

BALTIC, S.S. (Dutch: 100 g.r.t.)
12/7 Arrived Bilbao.
13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
16/7 Arrived Bilbao in ballast.

BANKA, S.S. (Dutch: 249 g.r.t.)
12/7 Arrived Bilbao
13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
16/7 Arrived Bilbao in ballast.
20/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

BAUER, EMILIO.
Embassy reports:-
(a) Dec. 1940. "May be manager of central office (? for transport for oranges) at 16, Calle Salamanca, Valencia."
(b) Ex-manager of William H. Muller & Co; now (i.e. 11/12/40) associated with a large unidentified metal firm (Madrid Arfar 284 Saving).
(c) Later (15/1/41) reported to be with Minerales de Espana, at Valencia office. Addresses: Avenida de Sotelo 2.
Calle de Salamanca 16.
(d) "German delegate on German-Spanish Transport Commission" (7/5)
7/5 Firm "to act as office of the Military Commander in France", to avoid control or inspection of certain transaction by the French authorities.

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BEHKLER, F. Connected with Sofindus (Embassy report of 11/7).

BEKER, C. Connected with Sofindus (Embassy report of 11/7).

BERGA, S.S. (Spanish tramp: 804 g.r.t.) ✓
3/7 "Purchase finally concluded at pesetas 2.5 million".

BERGE = WOLFRAM (concentrates)
4/6 "3 ton B.65%" identifies this as wolfram concentrates.
19/6 "Ferreti, Saffi's sub-manager, is responsible for Berge deliveries to Italy as we are to Germany".

BERMEO. A small port north of Bilbao. Not so far mentioned in Sofindus messages, but H.M. Consul at Bilbao reports (B.N. No. 11 of 11/7) local talk of sailings in the near future to French ports from Bermeo.

I.
BERNHARDT, JOHANN FRANZ, founder of Hisma. (Stat. List). ✓
14/6 May refer.
Cf. Lotse, which may be B.'s pseudonym.

II.
BERNHARDT. (Cf. "B., Colonel")
30/6 Standard bearer B. to fetch voucher for motor spirit and money for payment from Saarbrücken on July 15th.

BICKER, A.G. of Essen.
23/7 B. protest vigorously to Minspana against shipments of four different sorts of Bilbao ores in small steamers, contrary to Paris arrangement. (Similar and even more vigorous protest addressed to Bernhardt by Rohstoff-Handel der Ver. Stahlwerke, who intimate that failure to keep the different ores separate results in heavy losses to the foundries).

BIRKE. = MERCURY
8/5 22,000 flasks under negotiation.

BISAM (Berlin)
14/6 Sofindus offer cocoa through B. also connected with hides purchases.

BLEY.
5/5 "Enquire of Bley, Paris" / about French exports of fertilisers from Sete /

BODEN. = ? Resin.
12/6 "Baden purchases".

BOEHME. of Rubira and Boehme, Vigo (Stat. List)
Connected with Sofindus (Embassy report of 11/7).

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BRENNER.

30/6 Brenner, Irun, inform Hisrowak of
Deering / q.v. / appointment at Hendaye.

BUSSETI, PIERO.

Velasquez 71, Madrid (Stat. List)

(See R300/4055)

4/6 "B. has offered through the German Embassy
Rome to deliver to Germany 3 tons Berge 65%".

BUTJE (Spain)

7/7 B. receives message about ? tin prices.

8/7 "For Butje, Tangiers. You may now arrange
credits....."

9/7 Berlin asked to wire whether Butje desires
meeting with Spatz.

9/7 Berlin replies that matter / ? "Oggerin
affair" / is under consideration.

9/7 Berlin gives B. address of Ammi's re-
presentative in Madrid / for purposes of
discussions about tin / .

CALTENDEY

= Schooner Miguel C.

12/7 Left Palma for Marseilles (Consular
report).

CARCELLER.

5/5 "Lotse is negotiating with C. regarding
delivery of 1/2,000 tons of Brazilian coffee
on the way to Spain".

8/5 Spanish Minister of Industry and Commerce.

13/5 C. promises extensive deliveries of khaki
shirts and ground sheets.

22/6 "Please ask C. to instruct Tanne that
payment is to be made immediately and no
questions asked".

CARMEN, S.S.

14/6 "Chartered firm".

9/7 Valencia reports as bought by Naviera
Levantina.

CARMEN PICO.

(Spanish schooner: 94 g.r.t.)

12/7 Left Palma for Marseilles. (Consular
report).

CARONTE.

4/5 Schenker organizations in Berlin, Paris
and Caronte to deal with arriving ships
and onward transport (of ore?) through
France.

CARRANZA, F.

Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
report 11/7).

CASTILLO

=

Sec. Esp. Castillo de las Guardas
(pyrites mine).

7/7

CASTILLO VERA, S.S.

(Spanish tramp: 1138 g.r.t.)

9/7 Will be ready to load at Stein July
15/19.

CATALINA RUBIO.

See T4/302; 12/7, Muller has contracted
for 18,000 tons for German account at
35 pesetas f.o.b.

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CEBU.

- 10/7 From Floss "Cebu with Karte" / French refuse to insure hulls of s.s. Courdannes, etc. /
 17/7 "Seiler authorized for Cebu the following Karte: / list of ships /.

CILUMA.

- 10/5 "5,000 tons of olive oil (through Einhardt) against C. deliveries".

COFFELIER.

- 14/6 ? a person.

COMMERCIAL MARITIMA DE TRANSPORTES S.A. MADRID (COMPATRA).

- 5/7 A shipping company formed 4/7 in connection with Hetze (q.v.) Capital 2.5 millions (later corrected to 2.1 millions).

COUPETTE.

- 8/5 "Reference Bilbao ores, also to be forwarded to Coupette".

COURDANNES, S.S. (French: 240 g.r.t.).

- 6/7 Arrived Bilbao to load iron ore.
 7/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
 10/7 Sailed Bilbao
 13/7 Arrived Bilbao to load iron ore for Bayonne.
 15/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
 21/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore for Bayonne.

CREMONA, S.S. / ? the same as the Virgo Fidelis /

- 14/7 Marion informs Berlin that Cremona was sunk in ballast on voyage Bayonne - Bilbao.

S.A. CRISTOBAL COLON.

New company, established in Madrid. Directors Almieda, Ripoll and Gomez Monche. Recently acquired S.S. Industrial and S.S. Marina (313 and 172 g.r.t.), both trading with Bayonne. Possible connection with Abel Bitetti (see A2/4/89).

DEBUHR.

- 7/5 Ship, or master of a ship, which left Valencia 5/5.

DEDE, Hans.

German Consul at Palma de Majorca. ✓

~~DERNA, S.S.~~

- ~~11/6 Left Barcelona for Genoa.
 5/7 Goods "will be sent on S.S. Derna" July 8th / from Barcelona to Genoa /.~~

DIENER

- = ? Dutch ships on Bilbao run.
 9/7 "Bereederung D. will be effected through Servicing Board".
 9/7 "Purchase of D. ships" quoted as one of several outstanding questions.
 9/7 "Crew-insurance of the Diener..... warning based on / sinking of / Crespi".

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DIENER, CONTINUED.

17/7 "Insurance values D. work out as follows: S.S. Triantha, Regeja, Jaedjoer, Banka, Waterweg, Baltic, Henk, Spes" / values given between R.M.146,000 and R.M.123,000 /.

DOERING.

30/6 "Terms of appointment D. 500 occupations marks or equivalent in francs payment of journey costs to place of work Hendaye". / Message from Brenner, Irun /.

DOLDE.

21/7 D. submitted transport costs Gabel / i.e. iron ore and /or zinc blende / up to end of June R.M.764,501.

DUENE.

26/5 "So far without information your organization Duene Avignon".
10/6 Illquhaus" of Hisrowak is already in Duene in "Imronte" to examine transshipment possibilities.
10/6 Berlin ask particulars of ships lying in Duene.
4/7 ".....if calling at D. is arranged".

EDYE, ALFRED.

21/5 Of Robert Slomas, Junior, of Hamburg. "Will be in Madrid on May 23rd".

EINHARDT.

= Einhardt y Cia of Madrid: agents of Reichstalle für Milcherzeugnisse, Oele und Fette.

ELIEFE.

4/7 "E., Seville, can ship 1,700 tons celestite if calling at Duene can be arranged".

ELIZABETH HENDRIK FISSER. S.S. (German: 5145 g.r.t.) Arrived Valencia.

6/6 "Wire whether you agree to Agua Amarga / for Fisser / where full cargoes available". 24/6.

21/6 Available for Levante iron ore.

3/7 "Loading probably till 5th 4,500 tons Wette following on about 2,500 tons Sierra Monera".

6/7 Valencia to Marseilles, iron ore.

ELSA, S.S.

(Finnish: 1220 g.r.t.)

7/7 "The English are also contemplating the purchase of the Elsa".

7/7 "Owner's name Rederi Sohn Aktiebolag".

ELVIRA.

Name of a mine owned by Sr. Mazon. Bilbao reported on March 23rd that 25,000 tons of iron ore had been sold to Germany at 38 pesetas a ton.

ERGO, S.S.

(Finnish: 1928 g.r.t.)

In Lisbon: Arturo Ernes of Valencia informs Hamburg that she can be bought for 1½ million Swedish crowns.

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ERHARDT.

18/7 German Consul at Bilbao.
 "Has just wired Lisbon chrome-
 ore will be put up for auction".

ERNA OLDENDORFF, S.S. (German: 2095 G.R.T.)
 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore June
 30th (Madrid Arfar 339 Saving)
 21/6 Ditto June 20th, with 3268 tons.
 3/7 News of her urgently requested.

FEDER (of Hisrowak)

6/5 Receives telegram about devisen
 purchases.
 18/7 "Feder import firm [] for woollen
 goods [] Hardt & Co. Berlin.

FELIPE CRESPI, S.S.

23/6 Left Barcelona for Genoa.
 Sunk off Genoa.

FERRER

= Ferrer y Cia of Pelayo 7, Barcelona.
 7/7 "F. will begin today with 6 small
 ones from Barcelona" - viz. the
 S.S. San Juan, Carmen Pico, Antorieta,
 Angela Maria, Maria del Pilar and San
 Antonio.

FERRETI, TOMMASO.

19/6 Sub-manager of Safni (Italian)
 responsible for all deliveries of
 minerals to Italy.

FIESSLER.

7/6 "Contrary to instructions given to F. ,
 only one captain, one first officer
 and one engineer per ship to be sent
 to Holland."
 23/7 "Discussion between our Herr Illerhaus
 and your [] Sofindus's []. Herr Fiessler
 and Herr Bauer in Paris on July 15th
 [] about Bilbao ore shipments []".

FLIEGE.

4/5 Discusses arrangements for Kraut
 transports with Sofindus and shipping
 agencies.
 4/6 F. Apparently insuring S.S. Atlas
 and S.S. Jesus Antonio.
 5/6 Floss requires 10 pf. per ton trans-
 port fee to be charged up via Fliege.
 7/7 "For F., Bilbao".
 9/7 "Problem of ore reception discussed
 with F. and Lipperheide".
 23/7 Instructions for F. and Dolde about
 Gabel transports.

FLOSS (Sofindus)

2/5 "Removal of all raw materials in
 Portugal...is...primary task of F."
 5/5 Receives one third of 5% on freight.
 6/5 "Although we agreed....ships' cargoes
 may only be handled by Floss".
 3/6 "For all Spanish transports F. is
 competent, since Harfe has doubts".

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FOCOMIN.

- 19/7 "Focomin 126 must be here [Madrid] by Monday".
 22/7 Berlin gives Iltis observations on various proposals - Focomin 1 cotton, F. 2 coffee (no devisen available) F. 6 offer of lard accepted subject to Spanish export licence.

FOLLOS, S.S.

- 9/7 (untraced).

FORGUES, Marcel.

Shipping agent in Bayonne, working for Sofindus.

FRIST.

- 4/7 "For Ratte.....telegraph reply....
7 tons Frist from Wimmer."

FRITSCH.

- 4/7 "Ask F., Ste" [? CETTE] about loading of fertilizer".

FUCHS

= BILBAO.

- 8/5 "Shuttle-service Fuchs - Nantes".
 4/6 "English working in the same sense [crews for ships] in Fuchs".
 10/7 See under S.S. President Lavit, which identifies this as Bilbao.

GABEL

= Zinc blende and/or iron ore traffic.

- 10/5 French ships to be provided for Gabel transports, and to be seized if necessary.
 5/7 "Old Gabel contract expires July 15th".
 7/7 "Wire position...resumption of shipping GABEL - KATER."
 13/7 Madrid have given Garbe new mines proposal.
 23/7 "Gabel counter-proposal still in preparation". If it goes through, Montangesellschaft want material shipped by sea rather than lorries.

GAGUAMAKGA.

- 10/7 "Wire whether we can call at G."

GARBE [of Hisrowak].

- 7/5 Holläuer will visit H. in GASSE.
 7/7 Begins "For Garbe, and in particular Speiche"...
 18/7 Fliege has given Garbe reference list about negotiations.

GASSE.

- 7/5 Holläuer will visit Garbe [of Hisrowak] in GASSE.

GERDA VITH, S.S.

- 21/5 "Leaving dock at Bilbao" 23/5.

GEYER.

- 6/5 "Paris conversation with G. referred to devisen purchases".

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GIRALT BAIXERAS, Barcelona.

Buying agent for Diego (hide dealer on Stat. List).

7/7 Suggested by Sofindus as consignees for "Kiste" and tanning extract from S. America.

GLOCKE (Sofindus).

12/6 Receives message about woollen goods purchases.

HAFFEL.

16/7 Minespana ask Zoellner of Cologne to ask Hisrowak whether ships / with Lacalera ore / may call at Haffel.

HALLE (Spain).

12/6 With Glocke, receives message about woollen goods.

23/7 Berlin asks Glocke and Hirsch to wire whether Halle has obtained definite export permit for woollen goods.

HANS SCHMIDT, S.S. (German: 4427 g.r.t.)

21/6 Available for Levante iron ore.

30/6 Arrived Valencia.

3/7 Reserved for WETTE, begins to load circa 6th.

22/7 Valencia reports loading iron ore for Genoa.

HARFE.

=? German Ambassador at Madrid.

8/5 "Carceller will invite here Commission of the Reich Control Board for Economic Development via Harfe".

3/6 Berlin asked to inform H. that Floss is competent for all Spanish transports.

4/7 Floss asks Riegel to instruct H. that countervalue of R.W.M. credit will be paid out by Muenze to Lotse.

9/7 Berlin will "again request Riegel to inform Harfe about instructions Hilfe".

21/7 "We have made a protest with regard to Harfe re-export improbable possibly substitute delivery of sole-leather and/or boots".

HELUMAR.

8/5 ? type of transaction.

21/5 H. entrusted to Harfe.

HENK, S.S.

(Dutch: 147 g.r.t.).

12/7 Arrived Bilbao.

13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.

16/7 Arrived Bilbao in ballast.

20/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

HERTSLET.

22/6 "H. will be put in as supervisor" / in connection probably with acquisition of ships to be run by a bogus Spanish company.

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HETZE.

- 3/6 "German or Italian crews / for Hetze / impossible, so reliable Spanish crews must be engaged for all the round trips".
- 12/6 "Early beginning for first ships urgently necessary.....up to 15 ships to be bought firm or included in the time charter".
- 13/6 "Ships under 150 tons not required".
- 13/6 Covering name for supplies for Africa. Goods for loading available with Captain Schulz. "Desp. Command of the German Air Force, Naples". "Can be increased up to 10 ships."
- 22/6 Berlin hope to remit first sum of 5 m. pesetas for Hetze on May 22nd and authorizes purchase of 5 ships of 200/500 tons.
(Another message of 22/6 shows that this payment is being comouflaged as payment on account of mercury delivery in favour of Floss).
- 1/7 "At instance of Oberkommando Kriegsmarine Riegel wants settlement of account for purchases in carrying out... Hetze".
- 3/7 Sofindus informs Hisrowak that "confidential agents Hetze returned owing to extremely obscure situation".
- 5/7 "Reference Hetze. Shipping Company, Commercial Maritima de Transportes S.A. Madrid, Capital 2.5 millions formed yesterday".
- 7/7 "We are in agreement with establishment of firm with capital of 500,000 pesetas for the administration, procuring and carrying through of all Hetze".
- 21/7 Berlin reports agreement with Naval High Command, and gives programme for sailings from Valencia to Genoa for July 22/24 (eight ships).
- 23/7 Berlin instructs Sofindus (Quaste and Organ) to route all Hetze ships to San Remo, not Genoa.

HILFE.

- 1/7 "H. commission must be lower for cattle truck deal".
- 9/7 "Instructions Hilfe for observation of the market". H. apparently to get commission of 1% for cattle trucks and 1/2% for goods trucks.

HIROS

= Hiros Handelsgesellschaft, Berlin.

- 15/7 About lead.
- 18/7 "For H. Your letters of.....[about] lead glaze".
- 18/7 "For H. Gabel [? zinc blende exports]. We have given Garbe new mines proposal".

HIRSCH (Sofindus)

- 3/5 Sends report about deliveries of woollen goods.
- 14/6 Berlin inform H. 1,088,246 R.M. for account 35% remitted today
- 18/7 Receives telegram approving proposal regarding textile purchases.

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HIRSUHIL (Sofindus).

9/7 Sends message about credits etc.
for cotton purchases.

HITZE.

25/7 "As H. has already decided for G-
trucks /-? covered trucks, to be
lent or sold to Spain/.

HOFFMANN /-I/.

15/4 Probably master of a ship. "Taken
on for only one more voyage".

HOFFMAN /-II/.

6/5 "For Dr. H., Eisenstahl."
German iron and steel controller,
who has been touring Spain (Embassy
report of 16/7).

HOLLEUFER. ✓

7/5 "H. has to occupy himself in Tangier.
..He will visit you /Garbe of Hisrowak/ ⁷
on May 8th or 9th in GASSE.....stay of
eight days in Tangier."
23/5 Mawick's private contract /for hides/ ⁷
with H. not recognized.

HOPPE. ✓

= HOPPE y CIA of Bilbao.
(Shipping and insurance agents).
On Stat. List. Agents for S.A.
Cristobal of Madrid, who recently
bought S.S. Industrial and S.S.
Marina - Portuguese ships on Bayonne
run.

HUGO.

1/7 Apparently negotiating with Spaniards,
with support of Sofindus.

ICK, THOMAS.

21/5 ? of Johannes Ick, of Danzig, Hamburg
and Stettin.

ILLUECA, S.S.

7/7 Either Rosa or Henriques I.
"Sofindus hope to secure Illueca
for the remainder".

ILTIS (Sofindus).

2/6 Sends message about Morocco hides.
5/6 Informs Hisrowak that telegram has
been received from Montevideo reading
"I confirm sale of 5,000 dried cow-
hides 48,000 kilos, navicert NGR May
26th as shipment is impossible. I
confirm that 9,500 kilos tanned shoe
leather have been sold, shipment in
August".
12/6 Receives message about NOTEN consign-
ment - also cotton.
3/7 Sends message about Portuguese blankets.
8/7 Receives reply from Feder.
9/7 Receives message from Berlin about pur-
chase of khaki shirts.

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ILTIS, continued.

- 17/7 Iltis reports "khaki shirts sold elsewhere".
- 19/7 Message of 8/7 about blanket purchases from Portugal, beginning "for Iltis" is replied to by Piel-export (Sdad. Exportadora de Pielles).
- 23/7 Berlin presses Iltis for quick decision on whether Spaniards will deliver skins, leathers or boots.

IMBERT.

- = German heavy lorries used for exports from Spain. There are about 100 in all, some with trailers.
- 18/7 "I. without occupation we request your urgent decision / on Gabel = ? zinc blende traffic /".

ISORA, S.S.

(Spanish: 316 g.r.t.; owned by Naviera Levantina).

- 9/7 Valencia reports ship bought by Naviera Levantina.

JACOBSEN.

- 4/6 ? Master of a ship which docked at Genoa on 3/6.

JAEDJOER, S.S.

(Dutch: 309 g.r.t.)

- 12/7 Arrived Bilbao.
- 13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
- 16/7 Arrived Bilbao in ballast.
- 17/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

JAENICKE

= ? Alejandro J, German Consul at Gijon, who is also a ship-broker.

- 21/7 "Discuss with Colonel B.....
..purchases for J."

JEAN MAURICE, M.V.

(French: 120 g.r.t.)

- 17/7 Authorized by Seiler for Cebu.

JESUS ANTONIO, S.S.

(Spanish: 988 g.r.t.)

+ Owner Mateo Sanchez Rovira, of Madrid, or J.G. Castillo of Santander.

Left Barcelona 27/6 for Genoa.
This ship was sunk about 6/7.

JEUNE DENISE, S.S.

(French: 136 g.r.t.)

- 26/4 Left Bilbao for Bordeaux.
- 6/7 Arrived Bilbao to load iron ore.
- 7/7 Sailed Bilbao with load iron ore.
- 10/7 Sailed Bilbao.
- 13/7 Arrived Bilbao in ballast.
- 15/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
- 21/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

JOSE TRUJILLO, S.S.

- 9/7 Valencia reports ship bought by Naviera Levantina for Sofindus.

KAMPF (of Sofindus).

- 3/7 Sends message about sinking of Jesus Antonio and Felipe Crespi and Naval precautions to be taken in future.

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KARTE. 17/7 "Seiler authorized for Cebu the following Karte..(list of small French ships)".

KATER. = Bayonne.
7/7 "Wire position....resumption of shipping Gabel Kater".

KATZE. = Genoa.
4/7 "Gulf of Katze".
9/7 Crew [of S.S. Castillo Vera] not willing to call at K.

KERZE , = iron ore.
13/6 Ship for Kerze voyage to Savona.

KISTE. = ? hides.
7/7 Sofindus suggest name of a Spanish consignee for K. and tanning extract from South America.

KLINGENBERG, E. (Secretary of Nova S.A.- q.v.)
Connected with Sofindus (Embassy report of 11/7).

KOHLE. 6/5 "Kohle investigations" showed nothing known about muriate of chloride exports.

KRAUS, DR. 17/6 Inspected Boralha mine.

KRAUT. = ? fruit and vegetable traffic.
4/5 With reference KRAUT transports in the Mediterranean.....we agreed upon following binding directions.

KREUZ. = ? Barcelona.
4/7 "Stinnes representative, Platte, Kreuz".
7/7 Given as address of Giralt Baixeras (Barcelona).

KRUSSE, Ewald. (Stat.List)
Of PIELES, q.v.

KUGEL. = ? Occupied France.
6/5 "Negotiations conducted in K. are based exclusively upon ore transports".
8/5 Code-word for place "ships lying in Kugel".
10/5 "Vice-Admiral Kugel".
17/5 "Oberbefehlshaber Kugel".

KUHMULLER. Connected with Sofindus (Embassy report of 11/7).

LABORIMUS. 21/7 "L. requires copy of instructions Riegel concerning Siegel".

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LA CALERA.

- 27/6 "La Calera contract preliminary authorization granted...delivery 1941 40/45,000 tons".
 16/7 Minespana inform Zoellner of Cologne that "export licence Lacalera not yet received".

LAMPE.

- 1/7 "Preliminary work Hilfe Lampe coupled with results of discussions Butje Kleinmann."

LANAC.

- = Com.Gen.de Lanac (Stat. List)
 4/7 Reports arrival of commission -
 ? for wool purchases.

LAUNE.

- 22/7 "Hetze.....cost of founding Comatra and transfer of ships to Laune will be effected through ? to special staff".

LEBER.

- 4/7 "Of the 143 casks advised [as being despatched from Bilbao], seven contain Leber".

LEESER, S.S.

- (German: 2624 g.r.t.).
 Owner: Schuchmann.
 3/7 Apparently available circa 10th (in the Atlantic).

LEISTE.

- 7/7 "Joint action in regard to Leiste" to avoid further rise in price of Zeder (? tin). "L. had increased price by \$200".
 22/7 29 million pesetas will be paid into Clearing this week. "Remaining 6.1 millions are to be drawn from Riegel credit repayable by Leiste."

LESACA.

- Mine called "Irun-Lesaca".
 20/6 Reicheisen, Berlin, agree to contract for 41,000 tons sparry iron ore Irun-Lesaca, and 7 R.M. for development work.
 3/7 Sofindus ask for name of receiving factory for Lesaca iron-ore.
 18/7 Berlin working on new Lesaca contract.

LESSER, BRUNO (Stat.List).

- 23/6 Connected with transport of Spanish lead and Portuguese tin.

LEUBE, UGO.

- 3/7 "L. [and] Arranz sending in report [on sinkings in the Gulf of Genoa]".
 18/7 "L. and Arranz arrived [in Berlin] today."
 21/7 "L. and Arranz, after conclusion of contract....leave today for Tripolis [? Tripolis]".

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LEUBE, UGO, continued.

22/7 Receives instructions regarding
accounts for Hetze - purchases of
ships, founding of Comatra (q.v.)
and "transfer of ships to Launo" (q.v.)

LE VIOLENT, S.S. (French: 441 g.r.t.)
17/7 "Authorized by Seiler for Cebu."

LISBOA, S.S. (German: 1799 g.r.t.)
8/5 Cartagena to Marseilles.
16/6 Arrived Valencia.
20/6 Arrived Cartagena.
21/6 Available for Levante iron ore.
27/6 Left Cartagena for Marseilles.
3/7 "To be employed for pulp".
6/7 Valencia to Marseilles, iron ore.

LISTE.

4/7 "Calling at L or Duene more
expedient than ever".

LOBAR

= Grupo Portugues Importador - Exportador
(recently founded by Monteiro de Barros
and Lehmann jointly).

4/7 "20 tons lithium from Lobar."

✓ LOCHTE.

Spanish representative of Metal-
gesellschaft of Berlin.

LOHMANN (Berlin minerals firm).

6/7 Dealing with Minespana in ore.
18/7 Dealing with Minero Silvicola about
tin slag.

LOHSE

= Edgar Lohse, director of Hopper & Co.,
Bilbao, Shipping agents.

31/5 "L. to prepare for engagement of
the necessary crew (?s) [for Dutch
motor ships]."

LOTSE

? = Bernhardt, J.F. (q.v.)
5/5 Negotiating with Carceller about
coffee.
13/5 "Has known Asensio personally for
many years since Tetuan.
13/5 Barth & Saul's journey to Berlin
and meeting there with L. arranged
for end of May or beginning of June.
7/6 "Release of countervalue Riegel credit
to Lotse...."
9/6 "L. already on the way [? to Holland]
with crews".
12/6 Berlin "consider it essential that
Lotse should intervene with Spatz
[about export duty of 25% on woollen
goods]."
28/6 "For visa Lotse", Hisrowak require
passport details.
9/7 A message from Berlin "for Butje from
Fuerholzer Meise" refers to "Lotse
cable 538" - which appears to be CS 21263I
from Bernhardt. Lotse is therefore probably
Bernhardt's pseudonym.

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LOUVETOT, M.V. (French: 186 g.r.t.)
17/7 Authorized by Seiler for Cebu.

LÜDECKE.

Alleged Argentine subject known
to trade actively with Germany.

LURCH.

23/6 Berlin will pay 96 escudos but not
99.

MALLORQUINA, Cia Naviera.

Nominal owner - D. Ramis (Stat. List)
Chief shareholder - Don Manuel Salas.

Owms: S.S. Cala Gat
Cala Contese
Cala Falco
Cala Morlanda
M.V. Piedad
S.S. Cala Tuont

cf. also telegram of 7/7 from Matze to
Heinrich Schacht, which refers to
CALA (? vessels) but gives the names
of 6 other ships - S/S San Juan, Carmen
Pico, Antonietta, Angela Maria, Maria
del Pilar and San Antonio.

MANOLA, S.S. (Spanish)

6/7 Ferrer inform Tripovich that they
effected sale of this ship.

MARCH

? = Juan March.
22/5 "Shipowners scheme March....M. wants
to establish an Auffanggesellschaft".
Hertslet will be put in as supervisor.

MARDER.

5/5 "Cease your efforts " / to buy apricot
pulp.

MARIA DEL PILAR (sailing vessel).

16/7 Sailed Cartagena for Port Vendres
with apricot pulp.

MARIE GABRIELLE (sailing vessel). (French: about 85 g.r.t.)

17/7 "seiler authorized / this ship / for
Cebu".

21/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

MARINA, S.S.

(Spanish: 172 g.r.t.)

21/5 Arrived Bilbao from Bayonne.

26/5 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with pig iron.

2/6 Arrived Bilbao from Bayonne.

5/6 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with pig iron.

MATZ, Fräulein.

Secretary of Heinrich Schacht.,
G.M.B.H. In Spain buying apricot
pulp.

MAURO CROCE, S.S.

23/6 Left Barcelona for Genoa.

29/6 Left Barcelona for Genoa.

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MAWICK

=

Frederico Mawick Schieff, partner
in Mawick Lupo and Company of Tetuan.
(both on Stat. List).

- 7/5 Mawick coming [to Madrid] in
a few days.
23/5 His private contract with Hollen-
fer not recognized.
2/6 Asked by Sofindus to obtain firm
offer of 120,000 hides from French
Morocco.
4/7 "M. negotiating today personally in
Tetuan".

MEISE.

- 4/5 Left to Hisrowak how much informa-
tion should be given to (Meise and Wako?).
1/7 "M., Information Dept." [of Hisrowak].

MELIA

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see under Sinisterra and Ballester.

MENAS.

A mine near Bilbao, owned by W.H.
Muller of Rotterdam.

MENERA

-

see Sierra Menera.

MEQUELLO.

- 9/7 Of Safni, Marques del Riscal 10,
Madrid. AMMI's representative
in Madrid.

MINESPANA.

(Minerales de Espana S.A. Seville).
(Stat. List)

- 6/7 Telegram to Hisrowak about an order
for lead ore.

MOELLER.

- 15/4 Probably master of ship which left
Valencia about that time.
(Hans T. Moeller is a Norwegian ships
agent at Barcelona).
7/5 Possibly same ship left Valencia 6/5.
5/7 Left unknown port for ? Cete, to return
with sulphate of ammonia.

MONE, FRANZ.

- 2/6 Sofindus in touch with him through
Narciso about Moroccan hides.

MONTECILLO, S.S.

(Spanish: 3031 g.r.t.)

- 12/7 Huelva reports departure for
Bilbao with pyrites reported to
be for Germany.

MOTOR (Berlin)

Transport organization, or person
connected therewith.

MUNEH, H.

Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
report of 11/7).

NAGEL

=

ITALY/ITALIAN

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19/6
9/7

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NARCISO.

- 20/5 "N. has taken over goatskins and sheepskins".
 2/6 Sofindus negotiating through No. with Franz Mene and French dealers about Moroccan hides.
 May be NARCISO DA SILVA of Oporto, leather manufacturer.

NAVAS.

? J. de Navas Escuder, owner of S.S. Argenton etc.
 Intercepted letter of 26/5 from Cia Espanola de Navegacion Barcelona shows attempt by Navas to buy two ships for a foreign country (alleged to be neutral). Navas himself invisible: writers saw only Sr. Garcia Echevarrieta.

NAVIERA LEVANTINA (Stat. List).

- 9/7 Valencia reports that Co. has bought S.S. Santa Anna, San Isidor, San Juan II, Carmen, Vicente, Adeje, Isore and Trujillo.

NEPTUN

- = Neptungesellschaft, represented by Agencia Naviera Levantina of Valencia (on Stat. List).
 4/5 Connected with KRAUT transports in Mediterranean on behalf of Sofindus.

NERA AMETXA, S.S. (Spanish ?359 g.r.t.).

- 21/7 "Ship N.A. must be refitted as freighter in Valencia".
 24/7 "Delayed on account of lack of coal, arriving Valencia towards end of July....Date of construction 1911."

NOTEN.

- 12/6 "Not clear whether N. consignment is still stored in Mexico or has already arrived in Portugal."
 14/6 "N. consignment still in Mexico. Transit permit U.S.A. not yet granted".

NOVA

- = NOVA S.A., of Madrid and Bilbao (Stat. List as Hisma subsidiary). (Directors: Bernhardt and Carranza, q.v.).
 Chiefly concerned with transport matters - especially railway traffic.
 23/7 Receives telegram about 600 trucks, apparently to be lent to Spain, on condition that at least half, during the first six months, shall carry goods to Germany.

OGGERIN.

- 1/7 Sofindus very anxious to know [from Hisrowak] "how Oggerin affair settled".
 [See R300/609: O. is known to have been dealing with Carl Anders and other German firms, but Madrid cannot trace him].

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OTTO LEONHARDT, S.S. (German: 3682 g.r.t.)
 21/6 Available for Levante iron ore.
 3/7 In dock and therefore not available.
 10/7 "Leaves dock probably middle of July".
 26/7 Left Cartagena for unknown destination
 in ballast (Consular report).

PASCH = Guillermo P. of Bilbao (Stat. List)
 H.M. Embassy report that P. is known
 to be connected with Sofindus.
 He controls Pasch y Hermanos, Montana
 and various subsidiaries.

PAUSE.
 13/6 Quoted as meaning "covering name for
 Dutch shipping transactions".

PECHE.
 27/6 Prodag's offer of essential oils
 submitted through P.
 5/7 "P. is probably flying back 18th to
 work on Hiros concern". (H.M. Consul
 at Valencia unable to trace him. He
 appears to alternate between Valencia
 and Berlin).

PESCADOR, S.S. (Portuguese: 332 g.r.t.: owned by
 Transportes Mecanicos Mario Silva.
 Ship and company on Stat. List).
 14/6 "S.S. P. on first voyage successfully
 cleared with cooperation of Spanish
 authorities".
 6/7 Arrived Pasajes from Portugal with
 coffee and tin.
 8/7 Sailed Pasajes for Bayonne.
 10/7 Arrived Pasajes from Bayonne and
 sailed for Portugal.

PETRO CONTE, Schooner.
 11/7 Left ? for Marseilles (Gibraltar
 telegram No. 513).

PFISTERER.
 30/6 Message from P., Madrid, about
 vouchers for motor spirit, to be
 fetched from Saarbrücken by standard
 bearer Bernhardt.

PFLUEGER.
 16/7 "Tomorrow noon / Fräulein
 Matz (q.v.) will be / with
 P. at Miguel's".

PIELES or PIELEXPORT = Soc. Exportadora de Pielles.
 30/5 To organize shipment of cotton
 through the blockade.
 / May be Sdad. Exportadora de Pielles,
 of Madrid - see 1/7-7.
 13/6 "Pielles credit" / for cotton shipment 7.
 5/7 "Pielles credit prolonged until August
 15th".
 16/7 Message from KRUSE PIELES about offer
 to Rowak of 500 tons of "pork lard".
 19/7 Sends message about blanket purchases
 in Portugal. (See also ILTIS).

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PLABEL, Federico, of Bilbao. (On Stat. List., as agent of Hugo Stinnes).

4/7 "Stinnes representative P., Kreuz."

4/7 Asks Stinnes to supply bunker coal at Bayonne.

PLUENER, Pleine 4, The Hague.

7/6 Manning Dutch motor vessels.

PRESIDENT DE LAVIT, S.S. (French: 313 g.r.t.)

6/7 Arrived Bilbao to load iron ore.

7/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.

10/7 Sailed Bilbao.

10/7 "Sailed Fuchs to Kater with 262 tons of" iron ore on 9/7.

13/7 Arrived Bilbao to load iron ore for Bayonne.

15/7 Sailed Bilbao with 280 tons iron ore.

21/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

PRODAG

= Productos Agricolas of Valladolid, Valencia and Seville / Stat. List 7

5/7 "Schneider requests postponement of liquidation of old firm and also transfer to Prodag".

23/7 About to ship 200 tons of aniseed from Valencia.

PROFFE, D.

Connected with Sofindus (Embassy report of 11/7).

QUASTE (of Sofindus).

6/5 Receives telegram about transit of cotton from Portugal.

18/7 Ditto about textile purchases.

21/7 Ditto.

22/7 In reply to various messages from Q. about export difficulties due to shortage of funds in the clearing, Berlin informs him that "full powers URSEL arrived yesterday, that pesetas 29,000,000 will be paid into clearing this week, while remaining 6,100,000 are to be drawn from the Riegel credit repayable by Leiste".

QUELLE.

21/6 German company or organization in Portugal buying and smelting tin or wolfram ore.

QUETERS.

22/6 "Q. delegation".

RAEDE.

1/7 "Portuguese Raede business to be carried out by Metallurgie".

4/7 Berlin ask whether "2 million pesetas advance made available by Metallurgie for the extension of Raede basis Spain is to be paid to Anton or through Clearing to Rowak Instituto".

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RAEDE, continued.

- 15/7 "According to Tonne, considerable quantities of Raeden from Oporto and Leiria to Switzerland should be arriving shortly". Alports are instructed to keep a close watch on Swiss purchases.
- 23/7 Alportu / Minero Silvicola / to buy up all Raede crude ores, whether he can process them or not. Berlin await his offer for trial order of 50 tons.

REGEJA, S.S. (Dutch: 325 g.r.t.)

- 12/7 Arrived Bilbao.
- 13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
- 15/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
- 20/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

RHENUS = RH. TRANSPORT GLS., of Frankfurt-am-Main.

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RIBERA.

- 2/7 Madrid letter EW1089/G9/4/7 (T4/9/7) reports visit from PETOT, who said he had formed a company with various Spanish directors, one of them called Ribera, for buying goods for German Army of occupation in France.

RICHTER.

In Madrid.
Received tel. call from Berlin on 4/7 about leather and/or shoes, confirming cable from R8ber (8)
Berlin addressed to "Madrid Sinclair" (?).

- 22/6 "R. already in Portugal".

RIEGEL.

- 21/5 German firm or organization or person.
- 12/6 "Director of Textile Department /-? and / Riegel."
- 1/7 "Export Department Riegel".
- 21/7 "Laboremus require copy of instructions. Riegel concerning Siegel."

RIESE.

- 17/6 Quaste to send Kraus's report on Boralha to Riese "at present with Laboremus in Paris".

RIO MIERA, S.S. (Spanish: 746 g.r.t.)

- 21/6 Sailed Santander for Pasajes with 1,000 tons zinc blende (Madrid Arfar 338 Saving).

RISORA, S.S.

- 14/6 Sofindus report "bought firm".

RIVAS.

- 8/5 Owner of S.S. Atlantides.

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ROLAND.

- 3/7 To be at telephone at Berlin
end, to discuss sinking of Hetze
ships.
13/7 Discusses R.'s statement of account
with Garbe etc.

ROLLAR, C.

Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
report of 11/7).

ROST.

- 22/7 Hisrowak cannot get any news of
R. either through Repatriation
Office or Reich Control Board.

RUBIRA, F.

of Rubira and Boehme, Vigo (Stat.List).
Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
report of 11/7).

RUSSE

- = ? Savona.
4/6 "Bunker coal R."
4/7 "Shipment to Russe Katze impossible".
4/7 "Refinery agrees shipment 600 tons
celestite MOTRIL direct to RUSSE".
4/7 Spanish authorities instructing
Spanish shipowners not to call at
Russe and Katze.

RVW [sic; ? M]

Reichverkehrsministerium.

RWM

=

Reichswirtschaftsministerium.

SANDRES, M.V.

/Yaxdres (sic) /. (Spanish: 536 g.r.t.
Owned by Andres Isein, Palma de Mallorca).

SAN FRANCISCO, sailing vessel.

- 17/7 Sailed Cartagena for Port
Vendres with apricot pulp.

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SAN ISADOR, S.S.

(? Spanish S.S. San Isidro Labrador:
235 g.r.t. Owned by Adolfo Ramirez
Escudero: or ? by A. Rodriguez Lopez
of Tenerife).

- 14/6 Sofindus have made firm offer.
9/7 Valencia reports ship bought by
Naviera Levantina.

SAN JUAN, S.S.

(? Spanish S.S. San Juan II: 1476 g.r.t.
Owned by Navas Escudero: or ? by A. Rod-
riguez Lopez of Tenerife).

- 14/6 Sofindus have made firm offer
(they give tonnage as 700).
3/7 "Purchase finally concluded 2.4
million pesetas".
9/7 Valencia reports ship bought by
Naviera Levantina.

SAN KALLIO, Schooner.

- 17/7 Sailed Palma for Marseilles.

SAN MIGUEL, Schooner.

- 11/7 Left ? for Marseilles (Gibraltar
telegram No. 513).

SANTA ANNA, S.S.

9/7 Valencia reports ship bought
by Naviera Levantina, for
Sofindus.

SCHNEIDER (Germany)

5/7 "S. has applied through Riegel
for devisen permit 800,000 pesetas"...
...requests postponement of liquida-
tion of old firm and also transfer to
Prodag.

SCHOEN.

15/4 Probably master of a ship which
arrived at Valencia about that date.
11/6 "Schoen is leaving [probably Genoa]
without more ado" on 12/6.
27/6 "We (Dyckham, The Hague) had visit
from Schoen together with Spanish
representative ARP (sic)".

SCHUBERT.

14/6 May refer. ? Dr. S. of Reichswirtschaftsministerium.

SCHMIDT, S.S. -

See S.S. Hans Schmidt. (German: 4427 g.r.t.)

SCHUEBEL, Jorge (Stat List)

Representative in Barcelona of German
railways. Address: Plaza de Cataluna 22.

SCHULZ, Captain.

13/6 Supplies [for Hetze] always
available with Captain S.
3/7 Lieut-Col. Gicher and General
Pohl "the superiors of the
Captain S. named by you".

SCHUSTER, J.

Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
report of 11/7).

SEELIGER.

22/6 "Already in Lisbon".

SEIDEL.

27/6 Delivery Seidel huts [from
Holland] not possible.

SEILER.

17/7 "S. authorized for CEBU the
following Karte....[list of
ships].

SEYDLITZ, H.

Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
report of 11/7).

SIDI IFNI, sailing vessel (Spanish: 732 g.r.t.)

20/7 Sailed Cartagena for Port
Vendres.

SIEGEL.

"Laboremus require copy instructions
Riegel concerning Siegel".

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SIERRA, DOMINGUEZ.

19/7 Endeavours to persuade Hesse Newman & Company of Hamburg to allow him to import [?] seed potatoes in his own name instead of working through Sofindus. He hints that in return he might be able to supply imported manufactured goods.

SIERRA MENERA.

Iron ore mine belonging to Aznar.
5/5 Tonne permitted Bicker to import 60,000 tons of Menera ore, delivery May/July.

SILLEDA.

Wolfram mine, once French owned, believed to have been sold to a group called "Wolfram Hispania S.A."

SINISTERRA, Jose Melia, of Valencia.

11/7 Madrid telegram 371 Saving reports purchase by S. of S.S. Vicente.

SIRIUS, S.S.

Cannot be identified, but on 3/7 reported as having "recently" left for Marseilles.

✓ SLOMAN (of Hamburg) = Robert Sloman Junior of Hamburg

4/5 Concerned together with NEPTUN in KRAUT transports in Mediterranean on behalf of Sofindus.

21/5 Alfred Edge visits Spain on their behalf.

SOHLE.

3/7 "Please wire agreeing that for SOHLE RAEDER same price applicable as for SILLEDA".

SPATZ.

12/6 "Essential that Lotse should intervene with Spatz [?] about export tax on woollen goods".

18/6 "In conversation just concluded Spatz.....export permit promised".

7/7 Suggestion of joint intervention with Italian representative [?] at Spatz about Zeder (? tin) prices.

9/7 "Wire whether Bütje desires meeting [?] with Spatz".

9/7 "For Buetje....get into touch with [?] Ammi's representative [?] as to whether joint procedure Spatz advisable".

18/7 Berlin assumes that "through intervention with Spatz attempt will be made to reduce export duty of 35% [?] on textiles".

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SPES, S.S. (Dutch).

12/7 Arrived Bilbao.
 13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
 20/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.
 26/7 Arrived Bilbao in ballast.

SPREU

? = HENDAYE.

17/5 Riegel has drawn attention of
 C. in C. Kugel to necessity of
 constructing a temporary bridge
 between Irun and Spreu.

STE

? = SETE.

4/7 "Ship for loading fertilizer
 material STE."

STEIGERE.

16/7 "Herzlett is wanted urgently v.
 (sic. ? von) Steigere for special
 duties" Sofindus to wire if he can
 be reached at Palace Hotel Madrid or
 Ritz Hotel Paris.

STEIN (may be Valencia)

9/7 S.S. Castillo Vera will be ready
 for loading at S. 15/19 July.

STELLMUELLER.

14/6 ? a person.

STINT.

23/7 "10,000 dollars for payment on
 account of purchases of goods Stint".

STRATSS

[? STRAUSS or KRAUS, q.v.]

27/6 "Ingénieur S. de Sofindus" arrived
 Lisbon to inspect Mines Sonimi".

SULLBERG, s.s.

(German, Bolten Line: 1663 g.r.t.).

21/6 Available for Levante iron ore.

23/6 Sailed Valencia for Marseilles.

24/6 Arrived Barcelona from Valencia.

3/7 To be employed for pulp.

19/7 "Sailed on the 19th from Sagunto to
 "Fustd" with 2336 tons Sierra Menera".

22/7 Valencia reports loading iron ore at
 Sagunto for unknown destination.

TABERNA.

Supposedly anglophil official of
 Ministry of Commerce.

5/5 Lotse proposes to give him 50,000
 pesetas for useful cooperation. To be
 employed in "Veltjens" scheme.

TANNE.

4/5 TANNE to be informed about terms
 of shipping ore..

22/6 Carceller to instruct T. that pay-
 ment of 5 m. pesetas for "Hetze,
 q.v." is to be made immediately
 and no questions asked.

3/7 Sofindus "would remit RM. 8 millions
 through Tanne".

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TISCH. 2/5 "Further 10 trucks with removable axles are available with T., Paris".

TOEBE. 21/6 Person establishing a new company in Lisbon, probably to be called Soc. dos Castellos, for buying and treating tin or wolfram ore.
1/7 "Monthly requirements of escudos 3 million for purchase and dressing of crude ores".

TRIANTHA, S.S. (Dutch: 275 g.r.t.)
12/7 Arrived Bilbao.
13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
19/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne on 17/7 with iron ore.

UFER = ? Mediterranean.
10/7 "U. Steamer Otto Leonhardt leaves dock mid-July".

UNCOR = Union Industria Corchera.
1/7 Delivering cork discs and wood to Henjes, Bremen ("Rowak No^s 1983, 1711 and 1430").

UNICOLOR = U. Barcelona, subsidiary of I.G.Farben.

VAL DE LA HAYE, S.S. (French: 385 g.r.t.)
17/7 "Authorized by Seiler for Cebu".

VELTJENS. 5/5 "Veltjens scheme". Taberna and Arranz to be employed, "the latter to Kaeze / ? Katze / Tripolis".
6/5 V. "exactly informed" about Geyer conversation in Paris, regarding devisen purchase. V. evidently in Berlin.
8/5 Carceller shows "readiness to cooperate in V. question".
20/5 V. might help in getting teleprinters for Sofindus.

VESTA, S.S. (? German: Neptunlinie: 1620 g.r.t.; last reported by Lloyds at ? Hamburg).

VICENTE, S.S. (Spanish: 534 g.r.t., owned by S.A. Ferrer Peset of Valencia. Applied for warrant, which was refused).
14/6 Sofindus report "bought firm".
25/6 (Consular report) at Barcelona since 9/6.
11/7 Madrid reports sale to Jose Melia Sinisterra of Valencia.
14/7 Sailed Malaga with 550 tons of pyrites for Genoa via Valencia.

VIRGIN DEL MAR, schooner.
11/7 Left ? for Marseilles (Gibraltar telegram No. 513).

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VIRGO FIDELIS, S.S. (French: 129 tons)
 2/7 Left Bilbao July 2nd for Bayonne
 with 130 tons Elvira iron ore.
 8/7 Bilbao to Bayonne with iron ore
 San Pedro.
 11/7 Sank or sunk!

VISTRA.
 7/7 Lotse very embarrassed because
 counter value for V. has neither
 been paid in nor officially
 "visiert".
 9/7 "Payment Vistra" is quoted as one of
 several outstanding questions.

VOGEL.
 18/5 "Maximum supplement on V. fixed
 at 10% and export permit promised.
 Further purchases up to 10 million
 approved".

WAGNER, AUGUST (of Chemische Werke Albert).
 (See Lisbon 468 Saving, on T5/360)
 26/6 In Lisbon with full powers from
 Reichsstelle für Chemie to buy resin
 and turpentine.

WAHLE, A.
 Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
 report of 11/7).

WATERWEG, S.S. (Dutch: 285 g.r.t.).
 12/7 Arrived Bilbao.
 13/7 Sailed Bilbao with iron ore.
 16/7 Arrived Bilbao in ballast.
 20/7 Sailed Bilbao for Bayonne with iron ore.

WESPE.
 18/7 "Garbe also informed about
 new W. price".

WETTE.
 3/7 S.S. Hans Schmidt reserved for
 WETTE begins to load circa 6th.

WIHLE.
 3/7 Lotse has had " conversation [in
 Spain] with W. of Reich Control
 Office for Fats".

WIK.
 23/5 Hides on which Mawick had an
 option from Holleufer have been
 sold to W. and are for [re-] sale.

WILD.
 9/7 "W. problem" quoted as one of
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WILLAND, K.
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WIRBEL.

3/7 "Agreements with the Air Force
to protect shipping in the
sense of W."

YAXDRES

- see Sandres, M.V.

ZEDER

? = tin (cf. also ZEHDER).
7/7 "Italian purchasing firm for
Z abroad" "Leiste had increased
Z export price by \$200".

ZEHDER

(cf. also ZEDER).
9/7 "Confidential agent can travel to
S. American this month.... Object is
Zehder consignments.."

ZEPP.

23/6 "Please arrange payment counter
value RM. 50,000 to Z, Paris".

ZUSCHITACH, W.

Connected with Sofindus (Embassy
report of 11/7).